

EXHIBIT 17



mayor Eric Adams. We did the largest number of veto overrides

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the

1:47:56 speaker pointed out to me uh in this the 25th anniversary year of the horrible tragedy that I experienced personally.

1:48:05 Thank you. And I know you also support the fact that DOI will continue their research. Absolutely.

1:48:12 Okay. Second of course is um under Victor Cubner that was a few years ago but in my 30

1:48:19 shut up Victor Cubner was corporation company and I were a lot younger. We were both alive. We were

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very aggressive. I'm sure we'll come to a good resolution.

30:04 So, want to move on to the September 11th files that you've got the 25th anniversary of 911 coming up. You have unfortunately thousands of first

30:13 responders and residents who died of cancer because the federal EPA said the air was safe to breathe. We know the

30:20 city back then at the time of 911 may have had some information or knowledge.

30:27 We many of us have been trying for years to get these 911 files released





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30:27 We many of us have been trying for years to get these 911 files released. What is your view of that? And and what will

30:34 your view be as corporation council on the release of these files?

30:39 Uh this is very personal to me. I'm not going to let my personal views uh color

30:46 my legal conclusions, but I believe I should tell you what my personal experience has been. Uh my daughter was

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experience has been. Uh my daughter was

30:53 one of the fifth graders at the school at the corner of Greenwich and Chambers who was evacuated out of the building by

31:01 the teachers when the tower towers fell in a cloud of uh dust and debris. Uh as

31:11 a parent I didn't know where she was. I was searching for her. She was safe. uh but she uh had asthma as a result of her

31:20 exposure [Sync to video](#) down there. Uh our offices at the legal aid society at





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result of her

31:20 exposure to to the air down there.

Uh our offices at the legal aid society at the time were at 90 Church Street just

31:28 across from where the towers had stood and we were unable to return to them.

31:34 After the tragic events of that day, my colleagues and I at Legal Aid provided legal assistance to people who had lost

31:42 their jobs and their homes at the city's disaster relief center at 80 Center Street.

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So, I'm going to conduct a full review of what records we have, what records

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have been discovered, if any, what records can and should be released. I know I will be testifying before you at

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least at preliminary budget and executive budget if not in other occasions and I will be accountable for what I'm saying today which is we are

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going to review under my watch. We're going to review what records there are and release records that can be released.

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32:11 going to review under my watch. We're going to review what records there are and release what records can be released.

32:17 Okay. I just want to say one more thing on that. I mean, as someone who spent a decade of my life working on issues regarding 911,

32:25 I I I can't say strongly enough that if the city was liable for misleading the public and telling everyone backing what

32:33 the EPA said that the air was safe to breathe and those of us like myself and others and died of a 9/11 related cancer she stayed downtown It

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32:33 the EPA said that the air was safe to breathe and those of us like myself and others and my mother died of a 9/11 related cancer, she stayed downtown. It

32:41 it's just shameful that the the city of New York has blocked the release of these files. So, I'm urging you to

32:48 really recons, you know, to look at this and I know you will with fresh eyes because it is now 25 years that these files have been blocked and they we

32:57 really need to have them released uh for transparency, for accountability and for all the lost loved ones and so these things don't happen

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and for all the families that lost loved ones and so these things don't happen again.

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So, I feel very strongly about it. Last question before I turn it over to the chair. want to get a sense of your view

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and how you will be advising the mayor on issues surrounding for example what happened at Park East Synagogue around

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protesting and how are you going to balance obviously first amendment rights uh to to free speech and to protest with

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some of what we've seen happen

